

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF THE 95TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AZERBAIJAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan in general, and the Azerbaijani community of San Diego in particular, on the 95th anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

On May 28, 1918, Azerbaijan declared its independence and established the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic. The first-ever parliamentary democracy in the Muslim world, Azerbaijan proclaimed the right to vote for all regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, and religion, preceding even the United States in granting women equal political rights with men.

This Republic was recognized by many advanced nations of the time, including the United States. In fact, following a meeting with a delegation of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic during the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, President Woodrow Wilson remarked that he and these men spoke the same language with respect to conceptions of liberty, right, and justice.

Tragically, Azerbaijan's independence was interrupted when the Russian Red Army invaded the nation in 1920. Only in 1991, as the Soviet Union disintegrated, were the people of Azerbaijan given a second chance to restore their democracy and rejoin the world's community of free nations.

Over the last twenty-two years, the Republic of Azerbaijan has consolidated its sovereignty and independence, and has become one of the fastest growing economies in the region and beyond. Azerbaijan is also a staunch ally and strategic partner of the United States in the critically important Caspian region.

I congratulate the people of Azerbaijan on this important anniversary, and commend them on their continued efforts and commitment to building a strong and vibrant Azerbaijan.

WHEATLAND UNION HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTED AS A 2013 CALIFORNIA
DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

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Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Wheatland Union High School on its selection as a 2013 California Distinguished School.

The California Distinguished School award is given by the California State Board of Edu-

cation to public schools that best demonstrate educational excellence for all students and progress in narrowing the achievement gap. It is awarded to approximately five percent of California schools each year, and none is more deserving than Wheatland Union High School.

Since it was established in 1907, Wheatland Union High School has been a cornerstone of the south Yuba County community, which has a rich history of supporting the state's vital agricultural sector. Serving the communities of Wheatland, Plumas Lake and Smartsville, as well as Beale Air Force Base, the high school covers an astounding 150 square miles, and has always been dedicated to providing the best possible education for all students. This is the first formal acknowledgement of their efforts.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize the impressive achievement of this fine school. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Wheatland Union High School and thanking them for their continued efforts in serving Yuba County students.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE
LIFE OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT
HOWARD BURY, SR.

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a great and good man, a man who lived a life of service to his country and his community. Robert Howard Bury died peacefully, surrounded by his loving family, at the age of 94 on May 2, 2013.

Bob Bury was born in San Francisco to Helen and Howard Bury. He and his sister Gloria lived a happy but impecunious life with them. At an early age Bob delivered newspapers and groceries to help make ends meet for the family. This early training served him well in his later career as a successful tire dealer in Redwood City and Palo Alto.

Bob Bury was a fine provider for his family and his life was synonymous with service. He served his country in the United States Navy, with four years in combat in the Pacific. He was a Machinists Mate 1st Class and served on the USS *Karnes*, an attack transport ship. Bob was proud of being aboard the *Karnes* during the Battle of Okinawa when the ship was delivering reinforcements of troops and equipment, despite being under Kamikaze attack.

Bob also served his community through his many years of extraordinary service to his beloved home town, Redwood City. He served 24 years on the Redwood City Council, seeing the City through many difficult years, and was Mayor from 1968 to 1972. He served in leadership posts in countless organizations, including the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce, the Redwood City Port Commission, Redwood

City Kiwanis, and the San Mateo County Visitors Bureau. Bob retired from service only two years ago when he left the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District Board. Bob Bury earned and deserved the sobriquet "Mr. Redwood City".

Bob adored his family, and they him. He leaves his beloved wife of 70 years, June. He also leaves four children; Susan (Harry Battin), Bob Bury Jr. (Sue Subbot), Judy Bury Alessandri (Tom Alessandri), and Patricia Bury, as well as several grandchildren who affectionately called him "Bobbie".

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the extraordinary life and accomplishments of Bob Bury, and in extolling his life of service to others. I also ask my colleagues to join me in extending our most sincere condolences to Bob Bury's family, for their loss is a great one. I'm very proud to have had the opportunity to know and work with Bob Bury and even prouder to call him my friend. Through his leadership, integrity and decency, he made our country and our community stronger and better.

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DISPOSAL CAUSALITY

HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 22, 2013

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

[Researched by SGM Mike R. Vining, USA
Retired]

This is a list of Army Bomb Disposal/Explosive Ordnance Disposal deaths involving either training, performing bomb disposal duties, or involvement in combat or post combat operations regardless of duty assignment at the time of death or illness resulting in death.

American Battle Monuments Commission—WWII: All the below profiles marked with (*) are listed on this website. Type in their last name [leave a space] first name and hit the search button.

American Battle Monuments Commission—Korea: All the below profiles marked with (+) are listed on this website. Type in their last name [leave a space] first name and hit the search button.

1. PVT C.E. Mullenix was killed on 15 May 1943. A report from the 10th Bomb Disposal Squad states that on 15 May 1943, PVT C. E. Mullenix was killed by an explosion during training at Aberdeen, Maryland. 2LT Jesse F. Donovan and PVT D. J. Kueter were also injured in the same accident. 2LT Donovan and PVT Kueter were briefly hospitalized and released. It is believed by a roommate of PVT Mullenix that they were on a work detail to move unstable WWI artillery rounds. No other details given. This information was provided by LTC Robert Leiendecker, USA (Retired) with additional information provided by Dr. Jeffrey M. Leatherwood, Ph.D.

2. PFC Laurence C. Paystrup was killed and SGT Ira Wiggins was mortally wounded on 26 May 1943. SGT Wiggins died from his

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